

# The Holland Noon Rotary Club Board Minutes

Date: April 10, 2024



## Attendance:

### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Kathy DeVries (President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Jim Hagel (2024), Janet Huyser (2025), Jim White (2025), Loren Meengs (2027)

### Absent

Howard Fink (Incoming President), Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Catherine called the meeting to order at 8:07pm
2. The minutes from the March board meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. The planning for next year's budget started with a discussion on the dues level. A major part of the dues is the lunch expenses. The yacht club and Macatawa Legends average \$20/person/meal. About half of the club's membership is present on any given week. If this continues for next Rotary Year, the current dues level should be adequate. The board decided to keep the dues at the same amount unless district or international dues are raised.
5. Meeting location was discussed. Although our current two locations provide good facilities and food, there is some sentiment among the board that a location be found that would satisfy the following.
  - a. A more central location in the city would lessen travel time and make it easier for visiting Rotarians to find the meeting.
  - b. We require video projection and audio for programs.
  - c. A non-religious location would be preferable given the political nature of some churches. Also, the club has previously had members from many religions (Jewish, Muslim, Hindi, atheist) and we wish to make all feel welcome.
  - d. The facility must have food available or a caterer that would deliver.

David checked into the Civic Center and they have a \$350 room charge. Midtown Center and the Holland Energy Park were mentioned as possibilities. David will check into these. The board decided to return to the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club after Tulip Time for the remainder of this calendar year.

6. Kathy asked for the boards permission to fund raise specifically for the visit of the Ugandan Rotarians in May. The board approved the concept and Kathy will ask for specific needs at the next meeting.

7. The membership committee recommended Brian Gaggin as a new member and Ryan Sterkenburg as a transfer. The board approved both recommendations.
8. Kathy Hegedus requested the names of any deceased Rotarians for a memorial list at the district conference. We don't believe that we have anyone who died in the last year.
9. The Pet Contest fundraiser still needs a coordinator. Janet Huyser volunteered to work with John on gathering ideas.
10. Howard was not present and the status of the Pickleball Tournament was unknown.
11. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 9:12pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary

# The Holland Noon Rotary Charities Board Minutes

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### Present

Catherine Ristola Bass (Chair), Kathy DeVries (President), vacant (President-Elect), John Hoekstra (Secretary), Chuck Warren (Treasurer), David Meier (Sergeant at Arms), Jim Hagel (2024), Janet Huyser (2025), Jim White (2025), Loren Meengs (2027)

### Absent

Howard Fink (Incoming President), Mark Recoulley (2026), Michael Moraw (2026)

### Guests

none

## Business

1. Call to Order. **Action>** Catherine called the meeting to order at 8:12pm
2. The minutes of the March meeting were approved.
3. The financial reports were accepted.
4. The International Service Committee intends to ask for the same budget for next RY.
5. Loren Meengs is coordinating the visit of the Ugandan Rotarians. They have not yet received their visas. Volunteers are needed for transportation and food.
6. The Homabay County (Kenya) water & sanitation project is ready to be handed over to the community foundation that will run it.
7. The City of Holland has been approved as a Heartsafe Community. To maintain this certification, we must continue to train citizens on CPR.
8. The Challenged student event is scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>.
9. There are 3 students from West Ottawa attending the Life Leadership Conference. We currently have funding for up to 8. Holland schools are still working on identifying students to send.
10. Catherine will be talking to the Bos family about our Rotary Youth Exchange program, for which they have just endowed a scholarship.
11. Adjourn. **Action>** Catherine adjourned the meeting at 9:44pm.

John Hoekstra, secretary